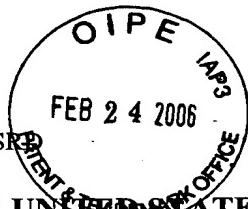


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hirofumi MURATANI, et al.

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EXAMINER: ABRISHAMKAR, K.

FOR: ENCRYPTION APPARATUS, DECRYPTION APPARATUS, EXPANDED KEY GENERATING APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREFOR, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

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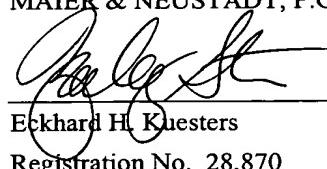
It is hereby requested that a second and third month extension of time be granted to February 24, 2006 for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A timely response to the final rejection, due November 24, 2005 was filed on December 22, 2005.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$900.00 is enclosed for the second and third month herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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